

**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-12, 15-16, and 19-44 are pending in this Application. Claims 13-14 and 17-18 are canceled, Claims 37-44 are withdrawn, and Claims 1-12, 15-16, and 19-36 stand rejected pursuant to the Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2008 and a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed July 3, 2008. Specifically, Claims 1-12, 15-16, 19-34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over German reference No. DE 20004612 to Kewitz ("*Kewitz*") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0247389 to Fuchs ("*Fuchs*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,296,135 to Anderson et al. ("*Anderson*"). Claim 35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kewitz* in view of *Fuchs* and *Anderson* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,024,243 to Palazzo ("*Palazzo*"). For the reasons discussed below, Appellant respectfully submits that these rejections are improper and should be reversed by the Board. Accordingly, Appellant presents Claims 1-12, 15-16, and 19-36 for Appeal and sets forth these claims in Appendix A.